

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to insert a cross reference to the PCT application upon which the instant U.S. national phase is based and to add an Abstract of the Disclosure.

The twelve claims on the Amended Sheets annexed to the IPER have been canceled. The nine pages containing these 12 claims were replaced by six pages containing 12 claims which should have been annexed to the IPER. The substitute pages were provided to the European Patent Office. In a "Brief Communication" from the EPO dated August 17, 2006 it was indicated that the replacement pages had been forwarded to the International Bureau.

The claims set forth on the replacement pages have been added herein as new claims 13 through 24 and the multiple dependencies have been eliminated.

Thus, examination is to go forward based on new claims 13 through 24.

Respectfully submitted,

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